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COMBINING SHEETS )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the accompanying verified translation of the German language text of PCT/DE2003/003993, filed December 5, 2003; published as WO 2004/054914 A1 on July 1, 2004 and claiming priority to DE 102 59 655.7, filed December 18, 2002; to DE 103 21 021.0, filed May 10, 2003, and to DE 103 25 226.6, filed June 4, 2003; the verified translation forming the entire specification, and claims of the subject U.S. patent application, as filed, prior to the calculation of the filing fee, and prior to an examination of the application on the merits, as follows.